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Congratulations to Josephine LoPresti, '47,  
who was among those to receive the Maryknoll  
habit at the Motherhouse, Maryknoll, N. Y., on  
Tuesday, March 7th. Josephine will be known in  
religion as Sister Mary Antonia.



## ADDRESS UNKNOWN

THE FOLLOWING HAVE NOT BEEN RE-  
CEIVING THEIR "NEWS" AS THEY HAVE  
BEEN RETURNED. "ADDRESS UNKNOWN—  
MOVED"—CAN ANYONE SUPPLY THEM?

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ronto, Ontario.

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tario.

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ronto, Ontario.

The September '28 class held a dinner party  
at the Royal York in honour of Ruby Price Fowlie.  
Ruby spent some time here recently, and has now  
returned to England.





## Alumnae Meeting

The March meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae of St. Michael's Hospital was held in the Lecture Hall on March 14th, 1950.

The treasurer's report was given by Miss D. Murphy.

Cash balance on hand, \$1,940.46. Scholarship fund, \$4,665.41.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read by Miss Bergin.

Miss G. Murphy gave her report on Nursing Education.

A report of the November Dance was handed in to the president after the business meeting had concluded.

In this report Miss Shaver, as Convener, held a successful dance at Columbus Hall with Art Binns' and his Orchestra in attendance.

Total Intake .....\$540.50

Total Expenditures .....\$365.94

Total Profit .....\$175.56

### New Business

Our President brought up the need of a convener for the Annual Spring tea put on by the Alumnae.

Miss N. O'Connor nominated Miss D. Bergin, seconded by Miss G. Murphy. Miss Bergin accepted.

Also a convener had to be nominated for the Graduation Dance. Miss M. Evers nominated Miss G. Ferguson and seconded by Miss Bowman. Miss Ferguson accepted.

Miss Huck reminded us of the C.N.A. convention in Vancouver in June and asked if we wanted a representative sent. Miss N. O'Connor moved that our President be sent as our representative and this was seconded by Miss D. Murphy. This motion carried.

Miss D. Murphy reminded us that there were 693 Alumnae members for 1950 and that 49 out of 67 Graduates of 1949 had joined as members.

Miss Huck announced that applications for scholarships must be in by May 1st. This applies to Graduates in 2 years good standing as a member of our Alumnae.

Miss N. O'Connor was then given the chair by Miss Huck with the report of the nominations.

Hon. Pres. Sister M. Kathleen.

Pres. Miss L. Huck.

1st Vice Pres. Miss D. Bergin

2nd Vice Pres. Miss M. Watson

3rd Vice Pres. Miss K. Hart.

Record. Sec. Miss Shaver.

Treasurer Miss D. Murphy.

Corresponding Sec. Miss J. La Croix.

Editor of the News Miss K. Boyle

Rep. to Register Miss H. O'Sullivan, Miss A. Murphy, Mrs. A. Romano.

Active Membership Miss B. McLaughlin

Associate Membership Mrs. J. McCormack.

Rep. to Press Miss D. Bowman

Rep. to Blue Cross Miss A. Romano.

Rep. to R.N.A.O. Miss G. Ferguson

There were no other nominations from the floor. Sister M. Kathleen moved that we nominate this committee and seconded by Miss M. Brennan. This motion was carried.

Miss Huck again took the chair as our President for 1950.

Dr. William Magner gave a very interesting and educational lecture on the Rh. factor of blood. After this tea and coffee were served.



ENGAGEMENTS

Mary Bandel to Anthony Rejmer—Wedding to take place May 6, 1950, in St. John's Church Whitby.

Kathleen O'Keefe '49 to Duncan MacDonald—Wedding plans indefinite.

May Malloy, '49, to Dr. Patrick Fyfe—Wedding planned for June.

Margaret Moore to Ted O'Brien—Wedding plans indefinite.

Patricia McNamee, '46, to Edward Montieth—Wedding plans indefinite.

Rosella Grogan to Frank Sullivan—Wedding planned for June.

Margaret Brankin, '47, to J. Gowdy—No definite plans.

Edna Hamby, '46, to Fred Dawe—Wedding plans indefinite.



HOSPITAL ACCOUNTING CONFERENCE

More efficient accounting systems for all Ontario hospitals was the object of a Conference held at St. Michael's Hospital early in April. 126 delegates attended, representing 80 hospitals in Southern Ontario.

A federal grant made possible the attendance of one delegate from each hospital. The conference was arranged by the Ontario Department of Health in co-operation with the Ontario Hospital Association.

A series of technical papers were presented. Speakers stressed the need for more accurate returns in view of greater government grants in the hospital field.



Announcing  
RE-UNION TEA  
  
On JUNE 4th, 1950  
the Class of 1925 will hold a  
SILVER JUBILEE RE-UNION TEA  
in the  
NURSES' RESIDENCE  
at 3 p.m.  
  
All their friends are cordially invited.



# W E D D I N G S



## DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Margaret Jackson Pippy is now residing in Mount Holly, New Jersey.

Jean Bowden Craig has left Toronto and is now living in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mary Nowski is now located at Hudson Bay Jet., Saskatchewan.

Marie McGarry has returned to Antigonish, N.S.

Margaret Stone Coughlin is now residing in Oshawa, Ontario.

Lillian Mitchell Brown is now residing in England, her address is Chapel House, Great Coxwell, Nr. Faringdon, Berks.

Kay McAuley Burroughs has left the city and is now located at R.R. No. 1, Fenelon Falls, Ont.

Mrs. J. J. Naylor (Loretto Forestell, '45), is now living in Madoc, Ontario.

Mrs. J. Finnigan (Cele O'Donnell) has moved to Ajax, Ontario.

**ROSATI—GINESTRE**—In the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, at Crowland, Ont., on April 22, 1950, Dolores Ginestre to Elio Rosati. Rev. C. Wigglesworth, chaplain of St. Michael's Hospital, travelled to Crowland to officiate. Marie Struther, Lois Huck, Mary Murphy and Dorothy Bergin were bridesmaids—a real St. Michael's wedding!

**McCONKEY—FOOTE**—On April 10, 1950, at St. John's Chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, Eileen Foote, '47, to Bruce McConkey.

**WALKER—SMITH**—At St. George's Church, Haliburton, Ont., on April 29, 1950, Sylvia Smith, '49, to Ross Walker.

**MARQUEZ—LEGRIS**—At Berkley, California, in St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel, on January 28, 1950, Marguerite Legris, '47, to Louis Marquez. The happy couple are residing at 1935 Haste St., Berkley, California.

**CLANCY—McNAMARA**—On February 4, 1950, in Holy Name Church, Toronto, Ontario, K. McNamara, '43, to Paul Clancy.







## FROM OUR MAIL BOX

135 East 33rd St.,  
New York City 16, N.Y.,  
Feb. 7, 1950.

Dear Doreen:

Enclosed please find my membership fee. I enjoy The News very much and think it is the greatest bargain in a publication that I receive.

Glad to see you are still active with the Alumnae. I frequently get up to Toronto but never when there are any Alumnae activities going on.

I am now Deputy Chief Nurse of the American Red Cross Blood Program of the Greater New York Chapters. Some title, isn't it. As a matter of fact I have done the job for two years now, but as of Jan. 1st it became official.

Saw Kay Boyle when she was here last year. Don't you ever get to New York? If you do would love to have you come and see us.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Walsh Kirk, '34.



516 Wellington St.,  
London, Ont.,  
March 22, 1950.

Dear Miss Murphy:

I am enclosing my Alumnae Fees and hope I am in time for the News. I find it very interesting and look forward to each issue more so since now I am out of Toronto.

My best regards to you all.

Sincerely,

Lois Staffen.

Montreal, Que.,  
443 Ast Ave.,  
Feb. 6, 1950.

Dear Miss Murphy:

My name is Murphy now, too, but you probably remember me better as Mary Alice Haughey. I was married in Montreal last June and am now keeping myself busy as a housewife.

In order to make sure that I get my "News" would you please change my name and address on your list? I enjoy all the interesting news from St. Michael's and certainly miss it.

All best wishes for 1950.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Alice Murphy.



M.P.O. 1015, Fort Churchill, Manitoba,  
Fort Churchill Military Hospital,  
Jan. 31, 1950.

Dear Doreen:

Enclosed please find my cheque for my membership fees for 1950.

Being a frequent mover, I always seem to be late, however, I do hope this delay will not cut me off from receiving the Alumnae News as I would certainly miss it.

Sincerely,

Flora Brohman.



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March 10, 1950.

R.R. No. 2, Alsace Rd., Powassan,  
April 26th, 1950.

Dear Doreen:

Have just had a grand visit from Kay Meagher who is in California spending the winter although from all reports of your winter up there, we Californians should be heading for Ontario.

It certainly is great to see someone from St. Michael's and needless to say Kay and I spent most of the evening discussing this thing and that. I used to take the Alumnae News regularly but for some reason failed to send in my dues the last couple of years, so I'm enclosing them now and hope to be in time for the next edition. Kay brought me over two copies and I must say that you girls are doing a great job and giving we people who are so many miles away from "home" the news about everyone.

Best wishes for 1950, Doreen, and congratulations on the lovely picture in the last edition.

Sincerely,

Mary Gibson Brase, '35.



8427 Homestead Ave.,  
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dear Miss Boyle:

I am enclosing an announcement that tells you all about the arrival of Keith Robert and would appreciate having it put in the Alumnae News.

Receiving the "News" is a great day in the year for me. I sit right down and read it, cover to cover, and whatever I am doing just has to wait. It is so much fun keeping up with what is going on at St. Michael's.

I would love to hear from any of the St. Michael's nurses, I can be reached at the above address.

Sincerely,

Jean (Young) Soper, '42.

Dear Miss Boyle:

Your letter stating you had an account of my Rome trip from the Powassan News was news to me as I have not knowingly written or said anything for publication since my return. I gave my last "passport" snapshot to Fr. Wolff, Powassan, last Sunday. Those snapshots are taken with lights on each side of the person and reveal every wrinkle.

Fr. Wolff enjoys our rugged constitutions so I thought he might like a snap of my wrinkles. They arranged an interview for me before I left North Bay—that is the North Bay Nugget. I had never been in the air before and could not stand on a bench in St. Peter's when the Pope was passing at the time of a canonization, although my immediate neighbours helped me up. I was afraid of getting dizzy and those floors are all made to last a day or two and not to fall on. I visited the four Basilicas every day but did not try for the tourist attractions. At my age I was satisfied to get around to the necessary places. Had I been able to find a room with grill privileges as we know it in Toronto I could have held out the sixty days for which I had my ticket. The breakfasts, which consisted of two small fresh buns with butter and jam and coffee with boiled milk, had me floored. They charged 250 lira for those breakfasts. So I came home at the fifteen day limit. I did not know it at the time but I had a good case of Flu which I brought safely home with me. The fruit trees were beginning to blossom when I was in Rome and at Montreal it was eighteen below zero when I got there.

Going to North Bay, 8:30 p.m., 11th Feb., Toronto, Montreal, five minutes to midnight, 11th Feb. Went to Dorval for Mass, then 8:30 p.m. on board. Goose Bay 6 a.m. 13th; Prestwick to get my Italian Visa but went to Mass at the Brompton Oratory (both coming and going) The Italian line took over from London to Milano airport without stop, then Rome. Coming home Rome. Paris (where the Italian airship had a punctured rear wheel tire. They put me on a British ship to London.) T.C.A. took over from there—Iceland—Montreal—Mass at Dorval, then Toronto—North Bay (non stop). The bus to Powassan. Taxi to near my place. There had been a snow storm, so sleigh with team home.

Sincerely,

Annie K. Spetz, '95.



P.S.: When in Rome, confession was my most serious hold up as the Italian priests would not give absolution to people they did not understand. There were English confessors in St. Peter's and Mary Major, but they did not have the hours of hearing on the confessionals. As I speak German I found that a great help. There are many Germans on the street cars.

In the restaurants when the waiters can't understand they take you over to a table filled with all kinds of food. You pick out what you want and wait until it is cooked. As everyone drinks wine I had trouble getting tea even after I learned how to ask for it. The coffee was bad, worse and worst. I could not get any properly cooked potatoes. My last restaurant meal cost me 1050 lire. I enjoyed every minute of my trip. Was heckled by a Communist once.

Annie K. Spetz.



## ST. MICHAEL'S GRADUATE INTERVIEWED!

Miss Annie Spetz, 1895, Graduate of St. Michael's Hospital, of Powassan, is the "youngest" 76-year-old woman in Canada. She is a graduate of the class of 1895, St. Michael's School of Nursing, Toronto.

Carrying enough years to force the average person into quiet retirement, the elderly Powassan woman boarded a TCA passenger plane at the North Bay Airport Saturday night on the first lap of an 8,000-mile air trip to Rome, Italy.

She will be the first person from this district to visit Rome as a Holy Year pilgrim to the Vatican City.

Among the many accomplishments of this surprising woman is her skiing ability. Living alone in a small cottage in the Powassan district, she does all her travelling during the winter on an old pair of skis. During past years she has skied two miles to church every Sunday morning in the winter months.

"I haven't had to do very much skiing this year," she says, "because we haven't had much snow."

Miss Spetz had been planning her trip to Rome for some time. Last fall she sold the wood-cutting rights to 400 acres of property on her homestead and is using the money for this trip of a lifetime.

"I don't expect to get a private audience with the Pope," she assured a reporter. "But I should get a chance see him sometime during the time I'm over there."

Miss Spetz also feels that the money she is spending will be of help to Italy in putting the nation back on its feet and thinks that more Canadians should take the pilgrimage.

Bright and alert, her memory is still vivid and she recalls the time 70 years ago when she first came to Northern Ontario. "We had to come up by boat, horse and oxen in those days and there was practically nothing but rocks and bush." Her parents were among the first settlers in what is now the Powassan district.

Seated in the waiting room of the TCA airport offices, Miss Spetz was completely unruffled waiting for her first airplane ride. When the giant DC3 aircraft roared up to the loading ramp she clutched a stout willow branch cane in her hand, picked up a brown paper shopping bag and marched out to the landing field. Without hesitating a minute she stepped up the stairway of the loading ramp and entered the plane just as though she had been doing it all her life.—Reprinted by courtesy of the Powassan News.





## JUNIOR ALUMNAE

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cameron (Angela Delaney, '40), announce the birth of their son, "John Brian", at Armstrong, Ont., on January 9, 1950.

At St. Louis, Mo., on January 22, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Foreon Florek (Anna McMahon, '44), a daughter, "Margaret Ann."

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on January 30, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Terence Stapely (Maude Tisdale, '39), a daughter.

At Antigonish, N.S., to Mr. and Mrs. Leo MacGillvray (Elizabeth Cauley, '46), a daughter.

On February 2, 1950, at St. Michael's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lamont (Mary Frawley), a son.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Doyle (Mary MacDonnell, '36), announce the arrival of their son, "Philip Gerard", at Ottawa, Ont., on January 11, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew T. Morris (Monica Crook, '47), announce the arrival of their daughter, on March 14, 1950, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

To Dr. and Mrs. W. Callahan, on February 2, 1950, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, a son.

On March 11, 1950, at Memorial Hospital, Niagara Falls, N. Y., to Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Soper (Jean Young, '42), the gift of a son, "Keith Robert", a brother for Susan Donna.

On April 5, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Murray (Gertrude Meyers, '43), a son, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

On January 25, 1950, at Welland, Ont., to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kilgour (Mary Curtin, '44), a son, "Timothy Callan."

At the Haileybury Hospital, Haileybury, Ont., to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Moirssette (Frances Corrigan, '45), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John R. Johnston (Eleanor McCabe, '34), at St. Michael's Hospital, on February 5, 1950, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hogan (K. Byrnes), at Thessalon, Ont., on April 4, 1950, a daughter, "Mary Sheila."

On April 14, 1950, at St. Michael's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cranston (Claire Best, '41), a son.

To Capt. and Mrs. G. O. Brown (Lillian Mitchell, '39) at the Chelsea Hospital for Women, London, England, a son, "James Herbert", a little brother for Bonnie, on February 6, 1950.

On Feb. 4, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevenson (Laura Kiernan, '34), a son, "David Cameron", at St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto. A little brother for Carolyn and Ross.

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on March 14, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Edmonds (Molly McMullen, '38), a daughter.

On March 7, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hills (Elizabeth Leslie, '47), the gift of a daughter, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

At Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, Ont., to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Murphy (Elizabeth Murphy), on April 17, 1950, a son, a brother for Gerard Peter.



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### REUNION — MARCH, 1950

From the Reader's Left to Right

**Sitting**—Rev. Sister M. Kathleen, Rev. Sister Amata, Rev. Sister Angeline.

**Front Row, Standing**—Marjorie Foreman, Berkie Thompson, Mary Doyle, Thérèse King, Winnifred McGinty, Vera Burkhardt, Marian Simpson, Rae Patton, Laura McGuirk.

**Second Row**—Alice Bernard, Dora Hopper, Irene Woolford, Doris Mann, Mary Barron, Mary Clarke.

**Third Row**—Louise Galbraith, Helen Brown, Rose Burke, Mildred Attridge, Lillian Joynt, Elsie Bassett, Jean Murray.

### TO THE TUNE OF ALICE BLUE GOWN THE CLASS REUNION OF 1931

I once had a gown it was almost new  
The daintiest thing it was sweet Alice blue  
With white bib and apron  
All starched up and fair  
When we had it on, we walked on the air  
It wore and it wore and it wore  
'Till it frayed and it wasn't no more.

#### Chorus

In our sweet little Alice blue gowns  
In the ward we first wandered 'round  
We were both proud and shy  
As we felt every eye  
And in every ward window  
We would primp passing by  
Then in manner of fashion we'd frown  
While the whole ward would smile—all around  
'Till they wilted we wore them  
We'll always adore them  
Our sweet little Probationer's blue gown.



## Chorus

The Stripes were added and then the Black Bands  
 We were full fledged nurses  
 We thought in demand  
 But then the day came when White dresses we  
     wore  
 The little Gold Pins to add to our lore  
 But we wish for the days of yore  
 For that gown that isn't no more.

## Chorus

In Our Sweet Little Probationers' Blue Gown  
 did our Reunion come to an end. Farewells were  
 exchanged with a firm purpose to renew the Re-  
 union at a future year.



### PREPARING FOR A CLASS REUNION

Sept 1928—June 1931  
 1950

Nineteen years have elapsed since forty-one girls donned white uniforms to receive the coveted diplomas and gold pins that took three years of study and hard work, living together under one roof as sisters for a great profession Nursing.

After a few frantic phone calls to some of our Classmates I had kept in touch with and the great aid from Sister Mary Kathleen and Elsie Basnett I got us all together. Then writing letters to all telling them of the Reunion March 19th, 1950. It was really fun, my hair dried out curled and got back into place again. The worried expression on my face changed to wreaths of smiles and good hearty laughs in the letters I received answering the call of the Reunion.

As I look over the list of names and addresses we have dispersed to the four winds and one Heavenward, I scratch this now limp head of hair and wonder will I find everyone.

Three of our number entered the Religious Life. It was not hard to find them especially when Amy Moore now Sister Mary Kathleen became Superintendent of Nurses graciously asked to have the Reunion on home ground the Nurses Residence of St. Michael's Hospital. How perfectly grand that she was to be our Hostess. Rita Coyne, Sister Angeline, Supervisor of the Operating Room. The head so to speak of the Surgical Division of our hospital, and she too will perform the duties of Hostess showing us around the hospital that has changed considerably since 1931. Sarah McKenna Sister Mary Verda entered the Monastery of the Precious Blood in Brooklyn, New York, lending her prayers for all of us through good and bad times for she surely has been tried with illness that has kept her confined pretty well to the Infirmary for a number of years. Last but certainly not in the least Frances Jones. The Irish Colleen of our class whose pure Celtic humour kept our class in many laughs to brighten up some dull moments. The song "A Little Bit of Heaven Fell From Out The Sky One Day" was Frances and when she gave us the start of being cheerful God called his bit of Ireland back to Him.

The four winds are gathering for a March Tornado at St. Michael's Hospital. For surely on that day March will not be a month to boast of wind! We will add to it, telling each other our conquests in Religious, Professional and Married experience. We will no doubt enter into the reception rooms like "Lambs" wondering what each one will look like after nineteen years, but I am sure we will go out like "Lions" the roar of which Sister Mary Kathleen will long remember. So far is the preparation of the Reunion.

Berchmans Fannon Thompson, '31.

**THE REUNION—1950**  
**Sept. 1928 — June 1931**

March 19th brought its traditional signs of Spring. The uncertain month had covered us with snow the previous week. The sun in vain tried very hard to melt it—"but the winds"! from New York, Little Baltimore, Huntsville, North Bay, Hamilton and points east and west came swirling in to congregate for the big wind at St. Michael's kept most of the snow with us. It was a lovely cold day.

One by one we arrived until the class numbered 24 of its 41 members. They came with pretty hair do's tinged gray with jaunty Spring straws nesting on top but the faces centered by the lovely frames were still very fresh. The smiles came readily showing off "all our own teeth" which revealed we were still young, even though one of our class has a daughter in training at St. Michael's.

Sister Mary Kathleen and Sister Angeline both received the girls as they arrived. We as a Class of 41 of 1928-31 are singled out with well deserved pride with the two girls who have aspired to positions not coveted by any for the responsibility they hold, Superintendent of nurses and Supervisor of the largest operating room unit in Canada. We feel honoured that two of its number are so distinguished.

When all had assembled then our tour of the Residence and Hospital began. How wide our eyes, how pale our faces for a fleeting second could we as graduates of 1931 carry on without a few questions to other nurses who have kept steadily nursing keeping up with the fast changes of medicine and surgery these past 19 years? The Delivery Rooms in Obstetrics. The new scientific nursery where we saw through two panes of glass a Sister in white gavaging a premature infant in the latest incubator. The large Operating rooms, the newest of equipment in operating tables, lights, etc. The simplified photographs to set up tables without a supervisor but a good conscience. The new Cafeteria that is out of this world in any Hospital I think in Canada with its soft green and

rust shade finished off with chrome and sparkling mirrors. "4D" the bane of our "training days". How well equipped it is, with the able management and graciousness that Sister St. Albert showed us every nook and cranny of her spotless floor. "Central Supply"! What a god-send that would have been in our day. Here where Sister Collett with her thorough knowledge of Surgical Dressings put to a practical method so all floors would receive their just share formulated a department which has become the hub of a wheel to our hospital. Gone are the days to the busy operating rooms to get drums of sterile dressings, towels, boiling instruments, rubber goods and enamel dishes in small sterilizers the floors were equipped with in those days. All trays and sterile equipment for the patients recovery is set up and sterilized in Central Supply. The "Assembly Hall" in the Hospital where both social and clinical events take place, "The Chapel" with its vaulted blue ceilings, its beautiful marble altars, the large Crucifix hanging with its gold chains from the ceiling over the altar reminding us of the golden rule to all Denominations "Do unto others as you would like done unto you."

Here in this Chapel as in the old Chapel of our day, where we were keenly conscious of our Profession. To be loyal to our Hospital, to the Sisters who trained us, to each other and how sharply it was felt the day of the Reunion when we became again the sisters of three years to be again shared once more for a few hours.

Our trip to the Hospital ended, we returned to the Residence for a long looked for event. Here with Sister Superior, Sister Margaret, graciously presented our Superintendent of Nurses, Sister Amata!!—Here I must differ to the late President of United States Franklin Roosevelt quote "What we must fear is fear itself", but I say we all must have an atom of fear! Fear is respect,! to love,! not what a person might have, or possessions and weapons owned; but fear hurting the one you love. Yes, back in 1928 to 1931 we feared Sister Amata, but we loved her. When we entered the Reception Room her smile reciprocated by all who were present gave vent to the respect, love, and even the fear that goes with it, a tumultuous welcome! How familiar the voice, her face, her laugh who like a mother to us all for three years ironed out our difficulties. How



very proud we were of her. A number of us during our training years and since lost our Mothers, here for a few hours we had a mother again interested in our well-being. Sister Amata again sat with us as of old while we feasted on a luncheon and tea. Then another surprise was in order, a visit from Sister Vincentia. Our class from Probies to Graduation was her first in Obstetrical nursing. She too has come to be a big part in our lives. The assurance she gave us in training was again shared to us in the biggest event of our lives—our children. How with the comfort that only Maternity can give with the feeling that all goes well because Sister Vincentia is there. No visit from families, doctors or friends are relished half so well as a visit from one who shares in the last hour, The Divine Miracle—A Baby. Sister Carmella, Supervisor of X-Ray, a pillar of dear old St. Michael's, whose charity unlimited directed us with wise counsel to all those who came under her charge, the enormous depth of her heart lightened many days that were very dark during those three years, paid a fleeting visit with Sister Maura, the Assistant Supervisor of the hospital, who made acquaintances with the members of our class which were very new to her. As the Sisters came to greet us, reminded us of former years when we had Christmas, St. Patrick's, Easter and special Feast day festivities.

There was one Sister terribly missed by her absence but none of us will forget; "Sister Jeanne". She planted into our hearts the seed of love for the patient, and, to him or to her alone. In outdoor during 1930 her kindness to the patients in Out Patients Clinic set an example apart from anything learned in The Training School, to love the poor! Sister Jeanne succeeded Sister Amata as Superintendent of Nurses. In September of 1931 when our class was finishing, she took over the reins of an enormous task. We owe a great deal to her and her last words to us as she pinned on our gold pins and gave us our diplomas were, "Forget the unpleasant things, remember these three years as the best years of your lives, whenever in doubt remember your Training School will help to erase that doubt". Owing to the illness of Sister St. Maurice, her sister, whom we all knew in Pharmacy prevented Sister Jeanne to be with us.

With dolls as favours dressed in the traditional Probies uniform, we gathered again to hear Alice Bell Bernard sing our class song which we all joined in to the tune of Alice Blue Gown.

Berchmans Fannon Thompson, '31.



## VISITORS

Bon voyage to Marie Hickey and Dorothy Coade who are leaving for a holiday visit to Bermuda.

Eunice Griffen spent the month of March in Montreal with her mother. While home Miss Kelly was a week-end guest.

Tillie Schuett has returned after an enjoyable visit to Florida.

Kitty and Ida McQuillen enjoyed several visits to Toronto during the winter.

Mae Brenman spent Easter in Brampton, Ont.



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## TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY ROMAN CATHOLIC VIEWS

**Dr. E. F. J. Brooks, Associate Professor of  
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(Dr. Brooks give this paper at a University conference; it was published in the Medical Journal and later given at a Staff Meeting at St. Michael's. We felt our members would also enjoy it and so asked permission to publish it in the News:)

Civil law recognizes that in full respect to considered medical opinion a pregnancy may be terminated for certain conditions of the mother, in order to save the mother. The adopted procedure, after such a decision, is a direct attack on the fetus which removes it from an environment in which it could survive to one in which it is unable to do so. The various indications leading to such a decision for induction have been fully discussed by other speakers and it will be seen that the position in which the medical man is placed is not an envious one. I have been asked to contribute to this discussion in view of the fact that our University fully realizes that it has not the desire to set a standard of teaching which may be contrary to the moral ethics of some of their students, nor do they wish that their graduates disregard the moral principles of their parents. A few remarks, then, seem to be in order on this subject from the standpoint of the teaching of Roman Catholic Theologians and others who observe the same teachings. In my most humble way then I am giving my own interpretation from knowledge of the facts as a Catholic physician and I feel confident that I am expressing the views of the Theologians.

I will be as concise as possible. The first point that must be remembered is that one cannot begin with the fetus. One must begin with the mother. One cannot take the fetus and remove it from an environment in which it cannot survive. There are examples, however, in which a pregnancy may be terminated at a time when the fetus may be viable. The period of viability is recognized as any time

after twenty-eight weeks, and this may be altered to after the period of twenty-six weeks if the patient is in hospital with all the modern facilities, such as incubators, to facilitate the viability of the fetus. An induction is quite permissible after this time period by any method dictated by the obstetrician. This period of termination is applicable to such conditions as toxemia of pregnancy, eclampsia, malformation of the pelvis and cardiac conditions.

When the problem at hand is the question of the life of the mother, then one may use means to save the life of the mother, but then one says, this may bring about the death of the fetus. If there is no other means, it is permissible to act and this is the guiding fact I wish to stress, that it is the principle of "double effect"—one is doing something which is good for the mother and if an undesirable effect is also attained it was not intended. I might here give examples where this principle is applied—the diagnosis is made of uterine cancer, or uterine fibroid, and the physician advises that surgery or radium is indicated and his opinion is to be respected and adopted. He is treating a lesion of the mother and his treatment is essential to her welfare, but if in so treating, it should be that the fetus suffers it was an undesirable second effect, but the act was indicated and permissible. The mother may be suffering from a medical treatment in which the drugs used may be abortifacient, but Theologians tell us that if the mother must be treated in this way it is permissible and it is hoped that she may be benefitted and that abortion will not result. The above remarks alone are sufficient evidence that the Roman Catholic Church does not sacrifice the mother for the child, any indicated direct treatment of her condition is warranted but it is not permitted to deal directly with the fetus.

The question of dealing with ectopic gestation has been one of controversy but here moral law recognizes that such a condition of the tubes is a pathological one and as such may be removed, and the removal of the fetus in this instance is comparable to its removal if contained in a cancerous uterus.



The physician's responsibility is great in certifying to the need of therapeutic abortion. In the past many therapeutic abortions had been ordered for conditions which in the light of accumulative experience have now proven to have been entirely unnecessary. Pernicious vomiting of pregnancy was a strong indication at one time, but our opinion in this regard has altered greatly. Therapeutic abortions were considered necessary in such neurological conditions as disseminated sclerosis and myasthenia gravis, but now we have altered our opinion entirely regarding these conditions as reasons for our certification.

I do hope that my points of presentation will be clearly understood. Catholic students and Catholic patients, and many others, have their moral principles established by two thousand years of teaching and it has been impressed upon them that the life of the mother is as paramount as the life of the child, that every means may be adopted to save the life of the mother but it is not approved that you make a direct attack on the fetus to destroy it in order to save the mother, but you are quite justified and, in fact, urged to treat and save the mother and at the same time try to save the fetus and, therefore, both.



### FEATURING OUR LONDON MEMBERS

Lois Staffen—516 Wellington St.

Ellen Doyle—Beek Memorial Sanitorium.

Mrs. R. Thomas (M. Stanton), 967 Maitland St., N.

Mrs. M. Robinson (M. Cross)—R.R. No. 8.

Mrs. M. Ross (M. McAndless), 710 Waterloo Street.



### Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to—

Mary Brown, who has been confined to Hospital.

Shirley O'Brennan, recently on the sick list.

Agnes Fitzgerald, who has been ill.

Irene Sennett, who has been ill recently.

Florence Hinds, who was ill recently.

Margaret Kelly Blois, of Montreal, who has been ill. Margaret has eight kiddies, the eldest is fifteen. All our get well wishes—Margaret!

Mrs. Ed. Killingsworth (E. Russell), of London, Ont., who is recovering from recent surgery.



### FEATURING OUR TIMMINS MEMBERS

Marjorie Bacon—2 Hemlock St.

Rita Cuddihey—107 Elm St. W.

Lorraine Larson—114 Patricia Blvd.

Mrs. P. Richer (M. Hurtchubise)—14 Coady Ave.

Eileen Woodbryne—39 Third Ave.

# JUNE MEETING

*Last Meeting before the Holiday Season*

Date . . . June 12th

Time . . . 8 p.m.

Place . . . The Residence



Come and hear the news,  
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and a friendly chat



## TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS



Marion Schwanbeek who has been in Saskatoon is now back in the city.

Margaret Culliton Shiersen writes us that she is doing general duty at the Galt General Hospital and enjoying it very much.

Camille Coulombe is now nursing in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario.

Catherine Watson has been transferred to the Churchill Military Hospital at Fort Churchill, Manitoba.

E. V. Baldwin, '44, is now on the staff of the Missouri-Pacific Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Kathleen McCully, '36, has returned to nursing in Toronto. Kay has been at home in Stratford until recently.

Sister Mary Frances has been transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital to assume charge of the Dietary Department there. Sister's many friends at St. Michael's are loathe to part with her but wish her every success in her new work.

Margaret Simpson-Ray, '43, is on leave of absence from the Hospital Staff and is in Scotland visiting many of the hospitals there.

Patricia Upshaw is now on the staff of St. Anne's Hospital, St. Anne de Bellevue.

Margaret Snell is in the employ of the United States Steamship Lines and when last heard from was in Australia. Marg has been around the world and must have many stories to tell.

Eileen Decker, '42, is now Acting Superintendent of the Barrie Memorial Hospital in Orms-town, P.Q.

Bernadette Fougere, '45, is on the staff of St. Claire's Hospital, New York City.

Alice Romano has returned to the field of private duty.



## UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

On November 22nd, an official visit was made to the hospital by Their Excellencies, the Governor General and Lady Alexander, at which time the Sisters, doctors and nurses were presented. Their Excellencies were particularly interested in a letter written by the Governor General while on active service in Egypt during the war, to Miss Katherine Ewing, '52. At the time she was a child in grade school and had written him to assure him of her prayers for successful victory. Miss Lillian Wohler, '50, president of the Student Body, presented Lady Alexander with a nosegay.

The New Preliminary Students arrived on January 31st; relatives of former graduates and present student nurses were included and are Maureen Carty from Kingston, a sister of Mary, '48; Mary Carr, sister of Frances, '49; and Annette Paloschuk, sister of Jeanette, '51.

Student Nurses' Retreats were held in groups of forty-five, at the Convent of the Cenacle during January and February.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Katherine W. Ryan Lang — Class of 1910** ..

A former resident of Toronto, Katherine W. Ryan Lang, widow of August R. Lang, died recently at St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener. She had resided in Kitchener since her marriage. Her husband was former vice-president of the Lang Tanning Co., and an associate of the late Sir Adam Beck in the inauguration of the Ontario Hydro Commission. Mrs. Lang had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Lang was the daughter of the late J. J. Ryan, for some years in the wholesale produce business in Toronto. As Katherine Ryan she was a member of the graduating class of 1910 of St. Michael's Hospital School of Nursing.

Prominent in welfare and philanthropic organizations, she was a past president of the Catholic Women's League, Kitchener, and a member of St. Mary's Church.

The Alumnae Association extends sincere sympathy to her only sister, Mrs. Mary Ryan, 493 Broadview Ave., Toronto. R.I.P.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jean Corbishley — Class of 1910**

The death occurred recently of Jean Corbishley, a graduate of St. Michael's Hospital School of Nursing of the class of 1910. The Alumnae Association extends sincere sympathy to her sister and many friends.

Jean Corbishley was the daughter of William J. Corbishley and Mary Donnelly, who came to London, Ont., about the year 1885, where Jean was born. She was baptized by the late Bishop Walsh, later Archbishop of Toronto. Her parents died when she was quite young and she received her early education in Convent boarding schools.

Following her graduation from St. Michael's she went to Montreal where she was on the staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital and later engaged in private duty.

In 1917 she went to New York City in response to an appeal for nurses due to a severe epidemic. After obtaining her New York Registration in 1920, Jean worked tirelessly in the field of nursing, some of her services were given to Columbus Hospital, the Superintendent at that time being Mother Cabrini. Jean knew her well. Mother Cabrini was canonized in 1940—St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. In the early thirties, Jean gave up private duty nursing due to an acute deafness and for the past few years had been in very poor health. R.I.P.



### We Extend Our Sympathy To:—

Mrs. Frank C. Foy (Edna Overend), on the death of her husband.

Mrs. Edward Brooks (Isobel Noonan), on the death of her mother.

Kathleen and Margaret Egan, '40, on the loss of their father.

Mrs. Margaret Mulroy Hogan on the death of her mother.

Jean Clark on the death of her brother-in-law.

Marion Doherty, '44, on the death of her brother.

Margaret Corr Quinn, '34, on the loss of her father.

Lydia Regan, '03, whose sister died recently.

Mary Alice Haughey Murphy, '42, on the death of her father.



Mrs. L. Mowat (Leona Roberts), on the death of her father.

Mrs. V. McElroy (Catherine Corrigan), in the tragic death of her little daughter in a motor accident.

Mrs. Thomas V. Glynn (Theresa Marrin), on the death of her husband.

G. Mulhall whose brother died recently.

Beryl Hayes, '12, who lost her brother recently.

Mrs. Jas. Coughlin (Margaret Stone), on the death of her father.



### FEATURING—OUR CALIFORNIA ALUMNAE

Mrs. S. R. Stahre (B.C. Rose)—317 North Ave. 66, Los Angeles 42.

Mrs. M. Brase (Mary Gibson)—707 E. Ranleigh St., Glendale 5.

Mrs. H. Harrington (Jean George)—1901 Ashmount Ave., Oakland, 10.

Kathleen Meagher—1405 N. Edgemont, Los Angeles.

Ruth Robertson—Woodland Clinic Hospital, Woodland.

Mrs. L. Marquex (Marguerite Legris)—1935 Haste St., Berkley.

Thelma Hornberger and Kathleen Corbett—8240 E. 2nd St., Downey.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

Florence Hinds has joined the staff of the Canadian Comstock Co., St. Catharines, Ont., as industrial nurse.

Sister Loretto, Sister Florian and Doreen Murphy attended a Refresher Course on Maternal Hygiene at the University School of Nursing here recently.

Marie McGarry, '47, has joined the staff of the Department of Health in Antigonish, N.S.

Teresa Hayes, '47, is with the Canadian Department of Health, Ottawa.

Burneice Carr, '47, is on the staff of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Ottawa, Ont.



### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. J. J. Howarth convened the prizes given at the bridge held by the Women's Auxiliary to St. Michael's Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 28th, in the Assembly Room of the hospital. The guests were received by the president, Mrs. J. L. Jerome, and the general convener, Mrs. Alfred Brady.

Assisting in the tea room were Mrs. G. C. Knowles, Mrs. Scott Mannell, Mrs. Carmi Warren, Mrs. Helena Bourke, Mrs. C. F. Wheaton, Mrs. Justin O'Brien, Mrs. Harris McPhedran, Mrs. F. P. McInnis, Mrs. Bruce McHardy, Mrs. Paul Thompson and Kathleen Killoran, Nancy Bryan, Sally Mae Noonan, Ann Foy and Jane McMulkin.

Tables were arranged by Mrs. Otto Klein, Mrs. Peter Heenan, Mrs. J. E. Massey, Mrs. Almond Turner and many others. Mrs. Heenan made the draw for the lucky prizes.

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Mrs. P. Fowlie (Ruby Price) has been visiting in Toronto for a couple of months from England and is returning to her home there in April.

Marie Moir was the New Year's guest of Irene Hughes Woolford in Simcoe, Ont. Irene's new address is 166 Colborne St. West, Simcoe, Ont.

Eva Richardson is back on duty after a four months stay in New York.

Doris Vandervoort McCormick was a recent holiday visitor to New York City.

We hear that Dorothy Coade had a very enjoyable trip to Bermuda.

Ethel Crocker has returned from an enjoyable visit in Niagara Falls, Ont.

The '49 graduates are starting to scatter, we hear that A. Loftus is in St. Catharines, Theresa Cain in Lindsay, Noreen Gleeson in Smith Falls, R. Cuddihey in Timmins, Elizabeth Tersigni in Penetang and G. Butler in Brockville.

Aileen Reynolds Tudhope was a recent visitor to Sudbury.